

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Petition of VTel Wireless, Inc., pursuant to 30)
V.S.A. § 248a, for a Certificate of Public Good)
to install a telecommunications facility at Bayne)
Comolli Road, Calais, Vermont)

Docket No. ____

PETITION

By this Petition, VTel Wireless, Inc. ("VTel"), represents as follows:

1. VTel holds a Certificate of Public Good (No. 941-CM) to provide commercial mobile radio services within the geographic borders of the State of Vermont pursuant to multiple cellular, PCS Broadband, and other licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission.
2. Pursuant to its licenses, VTel is undertaking to provide commercial mobile radio services through two interrelated, statewide projects made possible through funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. Each of these projects promotes the general good of the state by bringing wireless broadband services to homes and businesses throughout Vermont, and by allowing for implementation of Smart Grid technology for Vermont's largest distribution utility and its customers.

The first project is the Wireless Open World (WOW) project, which is designed to bring wireless broadband service to underserved and un-served homes and businesses throughout Vermont. The second project is being undertaken in concert with Green Mountain Power Corp. to support its deployment of Smart Grid technology. Both projects utilize Long Term Evolution ("LTE") wireless technology—also known as Fourth Generation wireless technology ("4G")—that is being deployed by other carriers worldwide.

The proposed Facility in Calais will enable residential and business customers to use VTel's LTE service to access the Internet from wireless devices and is projected to bring wireless internet service to approximately 1,170 homes and businesses in the area. Once operational, VTel signal quality for wireless service near the Facility will permit 25 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads, with the potential for rates of up to 50 Mbps. VTel will be offering wireless services using home wireless routers, and is planning to sell mobile devices that allow for 4G LTE service throughout Vermont.

3. VTel proposes by this Petition to install a wireless telecommunications facility at 1056 Bayne Comolli Road, Calais, Vermont (the "Project"), on property owned by Steve Perkins. The Facility will interconnect with sites VTel is planning to

construct elsewhere in Washington County that will comprise a portion of VTel's statewide wireless broadband network, including a site in Hardwick and a site being planned for Peacham.

4. As demonstrated by the prefiled testimony and exhibits included with this Petition, the proposed Project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria established by 30 V.S.A. § 248a, thereby allowing the Board to certify the Project in accordance with the procedures established by subsection (f) of 30 V.S.A. 248a.
5. The Project complies with each applicable criterion established by 30 V.S.A. § 248a and, therefore, will promote the general good of Vermont.

In support of its Petition, VTel hereby prefiles testimony and exhibits from the following witnesses:

Witnesses	Subject Matter
Gordon Mathews Ronnie B. Jemmott	Description of the wireless telecommunications facility, including an explanation of the coverage objective, project components and compliance with the Section 248a criteria.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 15th day of May, 2015.

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